

CAWC INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB  
'CONNECTIONS'  
MARCH 2022



**Upcoming March Dates**

**For more information about a specific activity, please contact the relevant Activity Leader. Contact details at the end of the newsletter.**

- 1 Women of the Word (WoW), 11:00-13:00
- 2 Golf, 10:30-11:15
- 3 **BOARD MEETING, 10-12:00**
- 7 Tennis, 10:00-12:00
- 8 Movie Madness, film tba, 12:30-3:00
- 9 Hughenden Hike, 10:00-13:00  
Golf, 10:30-11:15
- 10 **GENERAL MEETING, 9:30-12:00**
- 11 **NEWCOMERS' COFFEE AT LETY'S, 10:00-12:00**
- 14 Tennis, 10:00-12:00
- 15 Women of the Word (WoW), 11:00-13:00  
Book Bunch, 'The Dutch House' by Ann Patchett, 12:00-15:00
- 16 Golf, 10:30-11:15
- 17 Stitch and Chat, 12:30-15:00
- 18 Lunch Bunch, the Plough in Amersham, 12:30-3:00
- 21 Tennis, 10:00-12:00  
Let's Cook, Quiche and Cake at the home of Gabby Battrick, 10:00-12:30
- 22 Women of the Word (WoW), 11:00-13:00
- 23 Golf, 10:30-11:15  
Bunco at Lety's, 19:00-22:00
- 24 Blenheim Palace Hike, 10:00-12:30
- 25 Food Tour of London, please contact Annie Charlier for details
- 28 Tennis 10-12:00

## SAVE THE DATE:

**12<sup>TH</sup> MAY** Tea Party

**8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** End of year celebration (please note the change of date)

## Useful Club links:

Website: <https://cawc.co.uk/>

Instagram: [cawc international](#)

Twitter: [@cawc\\_intl](#)

YouTube links for Speaker Series

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCORfhRKZnM0gyP1I78oVY9A>

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you all can see by looking out your window, Spring is coming, thank goodness! The club is gearing up for the next few exciting events and meetings - it all is happening at the CAWC International. Please see the details on the speaker this month, the May Tea Party and the June luncheon in the 1st VPs article-all exciting stuff not to be missed!

As you are all aware, **Katie Elliott**, the chair of the Nominations Committee, along with **Lety Wicks, Annie Charlier, Sarah Maconachy, Caroline Gallup and Brooke Bourgeois** have been working tirelessly to create the new slate for the Board elections. I personally want to thank Katie and the Committee for the stellar job they are doing.

While the slate is almost complete, the President's position still remains unfilled. In accordance with our Bylaws, this Club cannot operate without a President. I have been President of this wonderful Club three times and can honestly say it has been a fabulous experience each time. The ladies that make up this Club are inspiring and incredible in so many ways and as President you get to work with each and every one of them. It never ceases to amaze me the talent and ability that lies within our Club. As an added bonus, it never hurts to mention on your CV that you have fulfilled this role. Many of the skills and competencies you use are highly desirable qualities in the work environment. It goes without saying that I will be on hand to support you in this role for as long as you need my help. Please think about it. Our Club really does need you.

The slate will be presented at the March General Meeting and the actual elections will take place, in accordance with our Bylaws, via an electronic vote in April. This is due to the fact that there will NOT be a General Meeting in April as the school and Easter Holiday schedules just do not coincide to allow us to have most of our members physically present at a General Meeting in April. Katie as the Parliamentarian will be coordinating the electronic vote, please keep an eye out in your emails, WhatsApp and FB on when and how to vote. We would ideally like every member to vote please.

I look forward to seeing you all at the General Meeting this month.

All my Best.



Pam Showalter

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10% off all cleaning services

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If you would like more information about becoming a Club sponsor, please contact Malina Walsh - [cawcsponsorshipuk@gmail.com](mailto:cawcsponsorshipuk@gmail.com).



## PROGRAMMES – 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Our February General Meeting on 10th February was a great success. We presented a cheque for £25,759.95 to Sue Eddy who is delivering the Motor Neurone Disease Breathing Support Project as part of the Palliative Care Service at the Florence Nightingale Hospice.



Sue is a highly experienced physiotherapist who gives specialist support to individuals who are struggling to cope and manage with end stage Motor Neurone Disease. Phil Murray from the MNDA Chilterns Branch was also in attendance.

We had a fabulous guest speaker; Sally Lennon, who joined us to talk about her passion for alternative therapies with a focus on Homeopathy. Sally talked about how and when she has helped her patients and what the process of Homeopathy really means and also how it works. She has a clinic in Beaconsfield ([www.thelittleclinichomeopathy.com](http://www.thelittleclinichomeopathy.com)) and she certainly captured the interest of our GM attendees who were bustling to ask questions after her talk. Sally has asked me to thank you all for being so welcoming.

We have managed to secure Ali Oswald to present at our March General meeting on **Thursday, 10th March**. Ali will be running a live makeup session using our very own Dallia Beifus as a model. Come along and enjoy the fun!

Dates for Calendar:

Save the date for our annual CAWC Tea Party to be held at Danesfield House, Marlow-On-Thames, on **Thursday, 12th May**. It is £30 per person to attend and we have started to take bookings and payments. Please pay Andrea Grimes-Crompton direct (Natwest, Account 11290544, sort 01-06-57), purely to reduce the admin for our lovely treasurer Kristin. Add your surname and Tea Party please for the reference. You can happily send an e-mail to confirm payment to [Andreaagrimescrompton@me.com](mailto:Andreaagrimescrompton@me.com) too. Historically, we encourage individual table heads to coordinate table decorations for this event. It's a really fun way to pull a team together with similar interests. Then produce elaborate tables which will be voted upon to find the winning theme as a bit of additional fun. There is a raffle containing an amazing selection of vendor donations from the last year. Contact us for more details and get planning! Table decoration is not compulsory as we are all here to have fun!



We have had a slight change of date for the Summer Party to be held at none other than Cliveden itself! The date had been advertised for the 9th of June but is now **fully confirmed for Wednesday, 8th June**. This is a one-off opportunity to visit Cliveden properly for a cost that is unrepeatable. It includes a boat trip, for the first 40 guests, and inclusive history tour and obviously afternoon tea! You will also have complimentary entrance to the grounds for adventure afterwards.

Sadly, Ascot will not go ahead due low interest; it appears many people have already booked independently.

See you at the next General Meeting.



Daniela Matson / Andrea Grimes-Crompton  
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## **MEMBERSHIP**

I would like to welcome the following new members to our Club:

**Saadia Baber**  
**Lisa Brown**  
**Jane Buckle**  
**Linda Johnson**  
**Gitte Floodeen**

We are always delighted to meet new people. If you bring a guest to the next General Meeting on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March** both you and your guest will receive a free strip of raffle tickets for the prize draw. If your guest becomes a member, your name will go into the £1 membership prize draw held in May 2022.

The draw is currently looking like this:

Kristen Johnson / Gitte Floodeen introduced by Suzanne Bannister  
Ariana Kaleta introduced by Sara Maconachy  
Krista Battram introduced by Dallia Beifus  
Lynn Goad introduced by Anne Hoskin  
Malika Mergenova introduced by Zena Couvaras  
Caroline Gallup / Nicky Batt / Saadia Baber introduced by Niki Hall  
Vanessa Smith introduced by Clare Stalnaker  
Jill Huskisson introduced by Una Ergin  
Gaby Battrick / Jane Buckle / Linda Johnson introduced by Karen Bates  
Lisa Brown introduced by Robin Smirnov

If any of the above information is incorrect, please let me know.

Many happy birthday greetings to the following members:

**Christine Hemminger**  
**Wendy Hester**  
**Lyn Squier**  
**Kristin Marvin-Keller**  
**Pam Waller**  
**Philippa Taylor**  
**Kasmira Armstrong-Brown**  
**Anne Hoskin**  
**Judith Whymark**



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## **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

### **BOARD NOMINATIONS 2022-2023**

I am delighted to tell you that the Nominations Committee has been very successful in filling most of the Board positions. A huge thank you to everyone on the committee for their hard work and an even bigger thank you to those of you who have stepped up. We are making great progress and hope to announce a slate in March followed by an electronic vote as there is no general meeting in April.

However, we are still unable to find someone to stand as Club President. All the hard work done by the Nominations Committee will be in vain if we cannot find a candidate to fill this role. Our by-laws state that in order for the Club to continue a President must be appointed. Quite simply - **NO PRESIDENT, NO CLUB!**

I am making an impassioned plea to you if have not put yourself forward to think long and hard about this. The Club has been in existence for 72 years; we have a thriving membership of 100+ members from over 20 countries. Our fund-raising efforts are breaking records year on year. We have more activities and events taking place than ever before. We simply cannot let our Club disappear for the want of a President.

Pam is very happy to discuss the role with you; although she is stepping down from the Board she is more than willing to act in an advisory capacity, particularly during the early months. The job description is available and can be emailed. You will have an amazing Board (and ex-Board) to support you. All the non-board support positions, such as social media, sponsorship, communication and Bazaar Chairs, are all filled with experienced members ready to go.

So, please, please, please get in touch – you can be sure I will get back to you as quickly as I can!!

We need a President – let's find one!

Thanks.



Katie Elliott  
Nominations Chair/Parliamentarian  
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## **ACTIVITIES**

Annie Charlier is organizing a FOOD TOUR in London (West End). She has 18 available spaces on **Friday, 25th March**. Please let Annie know if you are interested as soon as possible - [anniecharlier@yahoo.com](mailto:anniecharlier@yahoo.com). The cost of the tour is £15 per person plus any food you purchase en route.

"There is food everywhere in London. Wherever you turn, a new restaurant or food venue has popped up and it can be difficult to know the decent from the good and the good from the excellent. This is where I step in. I have spent years obsessing over London and food and personal favourites have found their way on to this 3-hour gastronomic tour of the West End. From savoury to sweet, we will stop at several places of foodie excellence and my personal favourites will easily become yours." Vic, the proprietor of Dragon and Flagon tours.

If you are interested in any of the following activities, please contact the appropriate Activity Leader whose contact details are listed below.



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